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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLAB, ICFTU, SP

SUBJ: ICFTU ASSISTANCE TO SPANISH UNIONS

1. THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FUND OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) IS SPENDING MORE THAN \$300,000 FOR "WORK IN SPAIN" THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR THE ICFTU BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 23 TO 25.

2. THE FUND'S EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR SPAIN SHOWS 5,850,000 BELGIAN FRANCS FOR 1977 AND 4,250,000 BF FOR 1978 (35 BF CURRENTLY EQUALS \$1). HOWEVER, A SEPARATE REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD STATES THAT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPANISH AFFILIATES, THERE HAS BEEN AN "ADVANCE PAYMENT" OF THE 1978 ALLOCATIONS. REASON FOR THE ADVANCE TO THE UGT AND THE STV: "THE SUBSTANTIAL MEANS REQUIRED FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR THE TRADE UNION ELECTIONS" SOON TO TAKE PLACE.

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3. IN ITS OWN WRITTEN REPORT TO THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE BOARD, THE UGT SAYS IT HAS GROWN TO 1,300,000 MEMBERS ORGANIZED IN 18 INDUSTRIAL FEDERATIONS, AND PREDICTS THAT PLANT ELECTIONS WILL ESTABLISH THAT THE UGT IS THE LARGEST LABOR CONFEDERATION IN SPAIN.

4. "THERE IS NO DOUBT," THE UGT REPORT CONTINUES, "THAT, WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ICFTU AND ITS SOLIDARITY FUNDS (SIC), AS WELL AS THE AID GRANTED BY MOST OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATIONS AFFILIATED TO THE ICFTU, AS WELL AS THE EFFORTS OF SOME INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION SECRETARIATS, WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE RESULTS REPORTED ABOVE."

5. THIS INFORMATION WAS CULLED FROM SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CURRENTLY IN SESSION. DOCUMENTS WERE OBTAINED BY LABOR ATTACHE FROM A MEETING PARTICIPANT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY BE KEPT "CONFIDENTIAL" (SECRETARIAT, FOR EXAMPLE, IS UNAWARE THAT WE HAVE THEM). HINTON

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